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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 29, 2005 and the Advisory Action mailed October 18, 2005.

Please consider the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.